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Dear Dick,

We have been very busy here in Florida since arriving two weeks ago. We hit just about every newspaper between L.A. and Miami on the trip. Did interviews with most of them. Did TV interview while in Dallas for two days. Spent time with General Edwin Walker both of those days. Appears he plans to involve his element in the Cuban fight. Contacted money people in Dallas to finance lectures and travel for the leaders of the raider groups, i.e. "Alpha L 66", D.R.E., Cardenas Raiders, Major Vidal's Raiders. Our Instructor Teams are now being boosted by forming a corporation called "OPERATION JERICHO", Inc.

We have completed the following:

- A. The D.R.E. group (Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil) is set for their first lecture in Denver (expense paid). They did the Havana raid last summer. On the bookstands this month is their story, "The Real Story on CUBA, by James Bayard (nomde Guerre of Bob Hall) pub. by Monarch Books, Inc., Capital Bldg, Derby, Conn. (50¢). It has the latest underground reports (D.R.E.) till last month (4 Jan '63) Has info on 86 Missiles sent to Cuba (44 are still emplaced)
185 Rockets - SA-1, SA-2, SA-3 (Surface to Air, Battery)
42 Jet Bombers, IL-28 (over and above those returned)
TU-10
TU-20
184 Jet Fighters, Migs, (15, 17, 19, and the Mig-21 that (is faster than UHAF F-104)
37 Transport A/C, IL-18, AN-10, AN-20
2 Reconnaissance A/C, U-2 Chinese Communist type Hi-Altitude.
15 Russian Submarines, Hanger-deck Missile and Troop type
260 Medium & Heavy tanks, JS-2, JS-3, Stalin IV, T-34, T-45
SU-100, SU-200
5 Trawlers, Electronics & ECM espionage for Southern U.S.

The D.R.E. group leaders are extremely interested in showing their films and slides, stills, etc. in Texas and California. The only obstacle to their tour of lectures is lack of airplane tickets and funds for food, hotel etc. Copies of their Press coverage East of Mississippi are forthcoming. D.R.E. is also seeking some finance on purchasing 1,000 copies of their story (\$500). These books and other items can be exchanged in packet form during appearances for \$10, \$20 donations.

The D.R.E. maintains a teletype machine in the HQ, Miami, (UPI) so if you want to communicate on anything routine for me, than check with a buddy in one of the wire services.

- B. The "Alpha L 66" group and new Committee of Rebel Officers are available for lectures. They have english speaking members with real

interesting backgrounds. Andrew St. George did the story on them in Life magazine last December. "66" has film and still slides that are good and very shortly will have some more.

- C. The Cardenas Raiders, Roberto Parson's group is ready and available for travel. Their film (like cinerama) of the Varadero Raid where they shot up a Castro PT and captured the 2 survivors (1 wounded) and brought them to Miami, the film was shown on Channels 4 and 10 here last week, no copyright though, only part of film was "loaned" to TV. Theirs is the best film yet.
- D. Major Felipe Vidal, who speaks english, is available, he has done 23 missions in the last year. The film and slides he has are not for showing as of now. He has to clear this with the underground and one partner group here in Miami.

One of our teams is on an Operation right now and with luck will return with good film. One other team member is inside Cuba with members of another organization. He will stay for a number of weeks to set up reception committees for our groups. He will work as liaison with the the three groups that came out of Cuba last year after fighting the militia for a year and four months. We retrained them in G/W and gave them special courses in Sabotage, Demolitions, Reception Committee, Assassination, propaganda, counterpropaganda, and intense course on tactics to use against the Chinese and Algerian led Counter-Guerrilla militia units... The first of the three groups was reinfilitrated in September last year, the second in December, the third the 2 of January this year. Fidel knows this and has tried his damndest to located and eliminate them. Not a chance though. He would have to clean house on all of his own militia to find them, because they all to be found integrated right with the seeminly most loyal to Fidel Militia units on the island. Four months ago the Soviets advisers staged a purge of the leadership echelons of all of the militia. The elements were replaced with youths that were members of the "Young Rebels Association" (Jovenes Rebeldes) that had been sent to Czechoslovakia for attendance at bloc academies. The more promising elements were sent to the Soviet Union for attendance at the Marxist-Leninist Institute, Moscow. After graduation these were sent on the the Intelligence Center at Gacina, near Moscow for training as CounterIntelligence, Intelligence, and Special Agent work in Latin America. While at Gacina they graduated a number of advanced elements from the "Little U.S.A." center, the Little Latin America Center, (Special sections for each Latin American Republic) where they learned the customs, accent and vocalizations, history, dress, etc. of each latin country. In the future they will work as "country operatives" under the Spaniard experts that command sections all over latin America. The main headquarters for Agent activities is Havana (Vedado section and Soviet Embassy), the secondary headquarters and the communications control office is the Soviet Embassy, Mexico, D.F. That is, operational orders originate in Havana, communications originate and file in Mexico, D.F. Presently in the U.S. the Spaniard-Russians are the important agents on reference to Intelligence-CounterIntelligence. The Spaniards (average 25 to 30 years old) are the grown-up kids that were kidnapped from Spain in the Civil War (1935-1937). They have been raised and educated as Russians at the "Little Spain" section of Gacina. Very few Cuban nationalsxxx are used these days here in Miami, that is by the Communists. The Spaniards are the experts, they utilize the Cuban communist agents as listeners only. Here and there they have a phony G-2 agent Chief and his operatives that

the comries operate for Counter-Intelligence purposes. The FBI is informed of their presence and is kept busy monitoring their activities. Anti-communist elements are allowed to infiltrate so as to keep CIA and others happy.

Obviously they are rather the professional ones, eh wot? The Spaniards often hire private detectives at a good salary, and thus their more tedious work is done, often in triplicate, by Yanqui professionals. Spaniard infiltration in the CIA has been indicated by info from Anti-comm. agents in the G-2 and other Castro sectors.

Fidel attempted to drop a couple of hundred listeners on us when the "African Pilot" and the "Shirley Lykes" came back with the relatives of the invasion prisoners. Luckily, it was detected that a large number of these "refugees" (without papers) were not, in most cases, not even members of the prisoners families.

These "Listeners" are extremely effective elements. They are mostly volunteer-amateur communists that would rather suffer under the Yanqui imperialist's living conditions, than the food rationing at home in Cuba. Their operation consists of mingling with the local refugees at the coffee-houses, restuarants, theaters, bars, join anti-Castro organizations, mix with as many neighbors as possible, etc. etc. This info is normally sent via normal mail direct to a "Mail Drop" in Havana that is operated by G-2. The more professionnals become upper-echelon members of the many anti-Castro organizations, and thusly are in on all of the good info, create turmoil and dissension. In some cases they facilitate the forming of expeditions to the island. The group is allowed to operate, kill militia, (usually suspected anti-communist militia are set up for ambushes etc.) become known to the underground, support is promoted for them here and in New York, then a short time later they are exterminated, along with many underground elements. Thus the Miami and New York supporters are disheartened, anti-Castro activities are controlled by CASTRO. We were set up twice by these agents last year, and we went along with them for a time, then they were "removed".

It is extremely difficult to detect the Spaniards that are infiltrated. The Moscow graduates are extremely adept at resistance to the standar Polygraph and Narcotics administration checks on them. In the majority of cases the Independent anti-Castro groups don't have the facilities for this kind of check anyway. The CIA doesn't even utilize this method. It is thusly that many of the Cuban CIA operatives that devote 100% of their time to spying on independent groups are being financed by the U.S. taxpayer to betray Cuban Freedom Fighters.

Enclosed find one handout issued by the new Revolutionary "Elmer Gantry", one ALEXANDER RORKE, JR. A phony..... Rorke put the bad mouth ~~xxxxxxx~~ on our group last month to Ruby Hart Philipps of the New York Times. This has been rectified. He is presently on tour throughout the East coast, prior to our witnessing his two hour revolutionary "MacBeth" act in West Palm Beach last week, he had been claiming to have flown "AIR COVER" for the D.R.E. boys on their raid on Havana last summer. We took two of the leaders of that raid with us to his act, and he got a little shook when he recognized them walking in on the middle of act #2. The D.R.E. states that it met Rorke only once last year, and that was when Rorke showed up in Miami, asking them to "loan" him some guns.....

Last December, on our arrest by customs, there was present one Remigio Arce, "Cucu", who had captained Rorke's boat, the "Violin III" on a run to Cuba. "Cucu" got messed up by some of Rorke's orders on the run and ended up out of fuel about 20 miles off the North coast of Matanzas province. "Cucu" called on the radiotelephoned to a relative's house and asked for a fuel drop. We were asked for assistance by the relative. I called that night on the telephone, via Miami "Marine Operator" and talked to "Cucu" and then to Rorke. He had already called for the U.S. Coast Guard for help (100 gallons Gas),

I advised him that we could have a boat rendezvous with him in about four to six hours if he would not want to jettison his illegal cargo. A few minutes passed and he stated that he had the Coast Guard in contact and would go ahead and refuel from them. It seems that the other Americans disagreed with this decision and they engaged a very seasick Rorke in a lengthy argument that continued all the way back to Key West. The other Americans were students that Rorke had conned into financing the expedition, and they were determined to go all of the way to the island, which Rorke had no intentions from the beginning of doing. This Rorke has already been on a large number of aborted expeditions. He is the same Rorke that had an F8F Bearcat Navy Fighter confiscated in Fort Lauderdale three months back, after stupidly bringing it right under the noses of the Customs people. This way he looks like a hard charging commando without ever sticking his lily white neck out. After arrival at Key West the argument continued to a restaurant outside of the Boca Chica Naval Air Station. The students then had one of their smallest take on 6 ft. 2 inch Rorke, and he proceeded to throw Rorke ~~xxxxxx~~ all over the terrain, breaking three ribs in the process. You will notice where Rorke claims that a 55 gallon "oil drum" fell on him during a storm while on a "dangerous" mission to Cuba. Other claims to fame that are interesting:

1. that he works with Major Nino Diaz. Nino wants to break his head.
2. his build-up of "phony" Fiorini is a riot. Frank don't love him no more cause "Fat Daddy" ain't getting his cut any more.
3. "Underground Chief" Eico Herrera is sitting about ten feet from me now and he has never heard of Rorke, but would like to talk it over though
4. he was not the first reporter imprisoned by Castro, he was arrested by Rafael Huguett, II Front Escambray, at Major William Morgan's house at 66th & 7th Ave in Miramar, Havana, 7 August, 1959. I was there dad. He has been claiming to be Morgan's buddy recently, what a laugh. Morgan would have blasted him if given the chance. I did an operation with Ralph Huguett to Cuba in August 1961.
5. If he is a 35 year old WW II veteran, then he was a 17 year old teenage German provincial commander that captured mucho SS men.
6. Fiorini was never a member of "Edson's" or "Carlson's" Raiders, according to service record book, the Raider Assoc. etc. He also claimed to have been with "Merrill's Marauders", one Dr. Lew Kolodny, that maintains the record for the "Marauder's" Association in Baltimore disclaims this
7. Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz is a crook, thief, swindler, traitor to his country. He was not first chief of the FAR. The first was Capt. Evans Rosales Bressler, released last month from Havana's La Cabana Fortress Prison sick with TB, (he refused to fly against the invaders during April, 1961). The 2nd chief of the FAR was Capt. Orestes del Rio, who was my C.O. in the FAR at San Julian Air Base. The 3rd Chief of FAR was Capt. Enrique Molina Rivera, who is sitting in the next room tonight. Diaz Lanz was placed as Chief of the FAR after the fighting was over. He and Fiorini were forced to flee Cuba when Raul, Morgan, and others got proof that they were dipping their hands in the cash box. The only thing Diaz Lanz has directed since his leaflet raid four years ago, is the swindling of wealthy people into financing three boats he has never used. He sold one of those boats, an 83 ft. ex Coast Guard PB, for 13,000 U.S. Dollars last month. A slight Profit, eh what?

I would continue, but this is making me sick to my stomach, most of the Cubans here don't even like to discuss this, it's so sickening.

Awaiting your info concerning travel, appearances, films by D.R.E., "66" etcc

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